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- 1. Plant designation: Firin Bûlgarian-Soviet Mining Company near Kerdzhali in the Arda velley.
- 2. Froduction and capacity:
 - a. Work force: About 2,240 workers in three 8-hour shifts,
 - b. Ore production. Zinc, copper, and iron ores are mined.
 - c. Irocessing: The ores are processed into concentrates in the Kerdzuss Plant. Processing is done with Siemens installations.
 - d. Scheduled blast furnaces. The construction of blast furnaces (number unknown) is scheduled in an ironworks in Kerdzhali
 - e. Outgoing shipments:
 - (1) A small part of the ores (mostly lirit iron ore) are exported to Czechoslovakia via the Svishtov Danube River harbor. In exchange wire cable shipments for mining installations are received from Czechoslovakia.
 - (2) All remaining ores and concentrates are shipped to the Soviet Union on the Danube River.
- 3. Personnel: All leading technical and administrative positions are held by Soviets. 25X1A

Comment:

Kerdzhali is in the Arda valley on the Dimitroffgrad (formerly Rkovski) - Momtschilovgrad railroad line. The ore is moved to the Kerdzbali dressing plants by an aerial cableway. The

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